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POLYSACCHARIDE PROTEIN CONJUGATE USEFUL AS A
VACCINE PRODUCED USING AN N-ACRYLOYLATED
POLYSACCHARIDE

AMENDMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. §1.116

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Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated October 29, 2002 for the above-identified patent application. It is respectfully requested that the amendments and remarks herein be considered at the time of examination of the instant patent application.

In addition, a Petition for an Extension of Time (1 month) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and the required fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b) are filed herewith to extend the time for response up to, and including, February 28, 2003.

Also enclosed herewith is a Notice of Appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.

AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A polysaccharide-protein conjugate or oligosaccharide-protein conjugate comprising an N-propionated polysaccharide or N-propionated oligosaccharide